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## HAWAIIAN DEPARTMENT IS AFTER LARGE TRACT OF LAND ON WINDWARD OAHU

Negotiations Under Way to Secure from Territory Stretch of  
Property Suitable for Camping of Reinforced Brigade—  
Round-the-Island Route Sites Ultimate Desire

The army on Oahu needs room to stretch its legs, and before long, if negotiations now pending go through, the Hawaiian Department will control considerable land on windward Oahu, to be used as camp sites when the horse, foot and wagon soldiers engage in practice marches. Rumor has it that the acquisition of ground suitable for camping a reinforced brigade has considerable bearing on the general defense plan of the island, and that "position" guns may be located on some of the prospective camp sites, that are possible objectives for a hostile landing force. Nothing to this latter effect has been made public as yet, though.

The primary idea in securing land on the round-the-island route, is to have proper camp sites for large bodies of troops, so that camp sanitation can be everything desired and required. During the period of field training some part of the 7500 or more men of the mobile army are constantly on the march, and although plantation managers and property owners have always been glad to furnish land for camps, it is not desirable that these sites should be used again and again unless permanent sanitation is provided. The army wants to have tracts of land a day's march apart that can be entered and used at any time, and wants as many of these as possible large enough to accommodate a brigade of infantry, reinforced by the proper artillery and cavalry. The engineer troops have made a preliminary survey and report on several sites, and negotiations are under way to acquire the necessary land, both from the territory and from private owners.

"It is very important that we have control of proper camp sites," said General M. M. Macomb, commanding the First Hawaiian Brigade, this morning. "We have already leased a small tract near the Haleiwa hotel from the railroad company, and the officers now taking the annual field ride are camped there, but the site is only large enough for a battalion. There are several camp sites that are large enough for a reinforced bri-

gade, and that have the necessary qualifications of water and general sanitary features, and these the department is anxious to lease, so that troops can go there at any time. A certain amount of camp equipment would probably be kept permanently stored at these places. Where the territory owns the land, it will be comparatively easy to secure it, but individual owners, while always willing to lend camp sites, sometimes do not feel like trying themselves up with leases. No definite action has been taken as yet."

The First Hawaiian Brigade, on its round-the-island march during the maneuvers last October, had a chance to test out the camping possibilities of windward Oahu. Some of the camping places were good, and others were very cramped and unsatisfactory for a large command, with its transportation.

Lieutenant Benson, corps of engineers, recently made a survey at Kealahou and Waikeolu, to determine their qualifications as camp sites, and has submitted a report. Ground near the Mormon colony, and at Waimanalo, are also sites under consideration. Land Commissioner Tucker stated today that the army engineers are considering two tracts of approximately 300 acres each, located near Kaneohe or windward Oahu and have expressed the desire to acquire one of them for a military camping ground. A site with a tenting capacity for about 7000 troops is said to be sought—one supplying ample water and natural facilities for camp sanitation purposes.

The two tracts the engineers have in view consists of government land of excellent quality, which the land commissioner says were to be thrown open to homesteaders shortly and would have been available immediately for pineapple or sugar cane culture. At present it is unused and is not under lease to the plantations. Tucker says the negotiations to date have been only of a preliminary nature, but the acreage undoubtedly will be transferred as soon as the military authorities make a definite selection and complete the requisite surveys.

## HILO STREET RAILWAY PROJECT MEETS FAVOR WITH LOCAL MEN

Manager C. G. Ballentyne of  
R. T. Co. Impressed with  
Possibilities

Plans for a street railway at Hilo, apparently lapsing with the failure of the Conness scheme to work out on its original lines, have begun to materialize. The arrival of Robert W. Shingle, president of the Waterhouse Trust Company, and Manager C. G. Ballentyne of the Honolulu Rapid Transit & Land Company, from Hilo this morning brought assurances of progress.

The two went to Hilo last week to look over the ground and inspect some matters of physical detail as well as to talk with Hilo people regarding the enterprise. On arrival here today Mr. Shingle declined to discuss the matter, referring all questions to Manager Ballentyne. The latter talked guardedly but with considerable enthusiasm over the feasibility of a street railway for the Crescent City.

"I can make no definite statement at this time," said Mr. Ballentyne this morning. "I went to Hilo in the middle part of last week with Mr. Robert Shingle in a purely advisory position, and not in any sense for the Rapid Transit Company."

"I looked over the field there for a street railway, and I am free to say that I believe there is a fine opportunity for a railroad. The sentiment at Hilo is strongly in favor of a street railway, and probably several men of capital would invest in it if it were started."

"Several persons are interested in seeing the enterprise undertaken by Conness brought to a successful conclusion."

"I do not believe any of the men who were originally back of Conness are now interested in this movement. I do not know exactly who are and who are not interested in the present movement, except, perhaps, Mr. Shingle, who may put some capital in it."

The "Conness franchise," which is generally held to have lapsed, has been the subject of much discussion for two years and has had several ups and downs. In 1911 L. S. Conness, then editor of the Hawaii Herald, came before the legislature ask-

ing its approval of a Hilo street railway franchise bill preparatory to securing the necessary grant from Congress. Conness steering its way with considerable acumen and ability. The franchise granted by Congress required that within one year after the passage of the act at least \$20,000 should have been expended or contracted to be expended in actual construction work.

Within the past few months it was discovered that the franchise had probably lapsed because of failure to follow out some of the requirements, and it was then planned to secure an extension of the time allowed for meeting these requirements.

In the original bill, L. S. Conness and W. H. Johnson of Hilo were named as grantees, and later it was announced that Charles E. Wood, vice-president of the Philadelphia Breakwater Company of Philadelphia, was a leading financial backer of the enterprise. Wood's breakwater work here met difficulties and he dropped out. Senator D. E. Metzger has also been generally understood to have considerable interest in the street railway project.

**LOCAL MAN HEARS OF  
DEATH OF BROTHER IN  
THE CITY OF MEXICO**

News of the death in the Mexican revolution of his brother, Edward L. Harrison, was received yesterday by V. M. Harrison, clerk in Judge W. J. Robinson's division of the circuit court. The word came in a letter from another brother, Thomas S. Harrison, of Castleview, Cal., who states, however, that he is not certain of the authenticity of the news and that he has no particulars concerning the affair.

The local man is inclined to believe the word, however, for his brother had been in Mexico about 23 years, the last heard from him was from the City of Mexico, and it is thought quite likely that he was impressed into military service by one of the warring factions in the disrupted republic.

Harrison says his brother undoubtedly had become a citizen of Mexico, as he had been employed some years there as superintendent of construction and railway engineer, and none but citizens were permitted to hold such positions.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Alenn Dunlap, who arrived from Europe with \$100,000 worth of jewelry and clothing will have to pay duty in spite of their claim to be non-residents—merely back in New York for the winter!

## DOOR BROKEN IN BY CHINESE IN FIGHT AT POLLS

Police Called Upon to Quell  
Near-Riot at Election of  
United Societies

**MAJORITY MAKES CHOICE  
WHEN MINORITY FINISH**

**Warring Factions in Bitter Battle for Supremacy of Powerful Organization**

After a dramatic situation for an hour beginning at noon today when 500 Chinese assembled to take part in the election of the officers and trustees of the United Chinese Society, and found themselves barred from entrance by the Tung Ming Wui, the minority partymen who are fighting to maintain control of the society, an axe was used at 2 o'clock this afternoon to break down the doors leading into the quarters of the organization.

This action was taken by the followers of Chu Gem, president of the Chinese Merchants' Association, who is a candidate for president of the society and has the support of the majority party, but it was not taken until a riot was almost experienced, three Chinese arrested and a call sent in to the police station for a squad of officers. Before the door was broken in, the Tung Ming Wui party had completed its election, peacefully left the building, carefully locking the door behind them.

The minority party in their election made Yee Yip president; Tong Kwai, vice-president; Lee Lan, secretary; Lum Yat Keong, assistant secretary; Yip Kee, treasurer; Lee Che Yip, assistant treasurer. The trustees they named were: Kwong Tatt, C. K. Ai, Lum Yat Keong, Woe Yip and Loo Joe. After the Tung Ming Wui had left the building, the 400 or 500 Chinese who had been locked out and kept waiting in the street, broke the door, and they are now engaged in holding their own election.

The second election will undoubtedly result in the election of Chu Gem as president. Chu is the president of the Chinese Merchants' Association and is one of the most popular and respected Chinese in the city. He is insisting, and has been insisting on the right of every Chinese born man to become a member of the society, and also the right of every registered member to vote.

Yee Yip, the president elected by the minority party, is not in favor of this, and his coup today which kept the majority out of the building while the election was going on is said to be one determined step of his to guard against the doors of the society being thrown open to all Chinese and to keep the Tung Ming Wui in control.

The Tung Ming Wui during the period of their control, have enjoyed the loan privilege—that is, they borrow whatever surplus cash the society may have on hand at a low rate of interest. There are other privileges, but this is the one generally mentioned first. They are said to have tried to restrict the membership to such Chinese as they approve, and claim that the by-laws do not give every Chinese a fixed right to membership.

Realizing that they would be outnumbered, the Tung Ming Wui gathered

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## CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION POWER TEST SUIT FOUNDATION PROMISED

**Supervisors Will Take Up Bills Incurred During Kellett Hearing, Which They Claim Were Unauthorized and Which, It Is Probable, the City Fathers Will Refuse to Allow**

When the city fathers foregather this evening and reach in their order of business the new set of bills sent to them by the civil service commission, a foundation will be laid for a test suit by which the powers of the commission are to be adjudicated. Predictions along this line are being made by city and county officials, including a few supervisors themselves.

The bills which are to be considered by the board of supervisors to-night represent the expenses incurred by the commission in the care of the late John R. Kellett, the suspended and later discharged sergeant of detectives, now reinstated, "after a full hearing had." They total about \$135, almost the entire sum of which was incurred for stenographer services.

The city fathers have already expressed themselves as disapproving these items of expense, and Supervisor McClellan, chairman of the ways and means committee, has suggested that the commissioners read up Act 72 of the session laws of 1911, which makes it a serious offense for an official to incur unauthorized expenses.

P. L. Weaver, first deputy city and county attorney, who is the author of a long opinion on the powers of the commission, declares that the commissioners, by running up the expenses they have, are guilty of

## HARBOR BOARD FAVORS PAVING WATERFRONT

Commissioner McCarthy Will  
See Supervisors on Behalf of  
New Improvement

**ALA MOANA AND ALLEN  
STREET ARE AFFECTED**

**Improvement Will Be One of the Largest Similar Projects of Present Year**

One of the biggest paving projects of the year bids fair to be launched if the board of supervisors carry out the plans formulated by the members of the board of harbor commissioners at their meeting this morning. The project consists of the laying of a permanent pavement from the channel wharf to Fort street along Allen street and Ala Moana, and Commissioner C. J. McCarthy was appointed a committee of one to interview the supervisors and arrange for a special session with the harbor board, while Commissioner T. M. Church will seek to interest the local commercial bodies in the matter and ask the trustees and directors of those organizations to be present at the meeting and lend their co-operation.

The matter of a general meeting with the supervisors was brought up during a discussion of the condition of certain streets in Honolulu during the rainy season, and stress was laid on the highway at the intersection of Ala Moana and Allen streets, in front of the Ala Moana wharf. Various members of the board pointed out the necessity of paving the entire stretch to Fort street, beginning at the channel wharf, and it was finally decided to ask the supervisors if they cannot do something toward this end. A general meeting was proposed, to be attended by the harbor board and other persons interested in the matter. At the present time, the road is full of chock-holes and becomes a veritable river of mud during a rain, and it is the opinion of the commissioners that such a condition does nothing toward giving impetus to the newly-founded tourist's usually good impression of Honolulu. Therefore, the board of supervisors will be asked to do something, and it was suggested by one of the members of the commission that a good black pavement would be best adapted to bettering the present condition.

The \$150,000 appropriated by the last legislature for a wharf at Laina, Maui, near the wireless station may soon be used by the board for this work, and it was intimated at the meeting that the U. S. geodetic survey ship Patterson will soon proceed there to make a survey of the coast line. At the request of the harbor master, the board intends at an early date to look into the matter of boats and other water craft which are moored near or tied to any wharf being controlled by the territory in such a manner as to cause damage to the wharves. Attorney-general Wade Warren Thayer, in submitting his opinion on the matter, set forth, as temporary regulations, that such boats found to be doing this damage and not being called for within 10 days, would become the property of the government. The report of the engineer was submitted, recommending the purchase of a steam hammer and accessories. The board will open bids for this equipment at an early date.

## Jeff McCarn Sheds Coat And Gets on The Job in Hurry



Jeff McCarn, U. S. district attorney, snapped as he stepped off the transport Thomas Sunday morning.

—T. E. Edgeworth photo.

**U. S. District Attorney Confers with Breckons — Latter Ready to Make Move**

Jeff McCarn, the new United States district attorney, is losing no time getting down to business. With his wife and family he went out this morning and selected a home, which may become his permanent residence, and a little later appeared at the office in the Model block, where he at once plunged into official affairs.

The new home of the McCarn family is next door to that of Attorney C. W. Ashford, on Beretania street, near the McKinley high school, and they probably will move into it in a few days. At present they are enjoying the hospitality of Mrs. Frenar, who has given them complete temporary possession of Arcadia, her beautiful home on Punahou avenue.

Though it will be several days before the new official is well settled in his office he took up today the first preliminary in getting acquainted with official conditions, holding a number of conferences with his predecessor, Mr. Breckons, with army officials and others. He has started in to learn what his duties are. Meantime Breckons is preparing to move his extensive private law library and personal office effects to his new quarters in the Spreckels building.

So far as known McCarn has not yet solved the problem of the selection of an assistant. There was a rumor afloat this morning that I. M. Stainback, at present associated with the legal firm of Holmes, Stanley & Olson, was a strong possibility for the position, but Stainback himself denies it.

Though he and McCarn were personal friends before the latter had

thought of coming to Hawaii, and although Stainback's brother was formerly chairman of the Democratic state central committee of Tennessee and as such very well acquainted with McCarn, yet the Honolulu lawyer says there is little likelihood of his going into the district attorney's office as assistant. He has made no application for the position and has not been asked to take it, and he said that for financial reasons he did not think he could take it if it were offered him.

**MISS JOSEPHINE PRATT  
WILL BE WED TOMORROW**

Miss Josephine Cordella Pratt, daughter of the postmaster, in a quiet home wedding tomorrow evening, will become the wife of James Robert Paris. The ceremony will be performed by Canon Ault at the Pratt residence, 1562 Nuuanu street. Mr. Paris is with the Mercantile Printing Company and, following the ceremony, the young couple will take up a residence at Pearl City.

**DR. M'KILLOP WEDS  
GIRL FROM CALIFORNIA**

Dr. J. E. McKillop, well-known physician of Hawaii island, will return to the big island a bachelor no longer. A license to wed was issued by "Cupid" Treadway today to Dr. McKillop and Miss Beatrice McKenney of Huntington Beach, Cal.

Dr. McKillop is in charge of the Kona hospital and government physician at South Kona, Hawaii.

**SUGAR.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 16.—Sugar: 96 degrees test, 3.325 cents. Previous quotation, 3.39 cents. Beet: 88 analysis, 8s 11d. Parity, 3.38 cents. Previous quotation, 8s 11 1/4d.

The head chef at the Ritz-Carlton hotel in New York was fined \$3000 for bringing assistants from France under contract thus violating the immigration law.

## EIGHT DIE IN BURNING OF SALVATION ARMY HOME; MAY BE WORK OF AN INCENDIARY

Cincinnati Scene of Disastrous Fire — Examination of Premises Shows Evidences of Malicious Arson — Twenty Are Injured

[Associated Press Cable]  
CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 16.—Sensational charges of incendiarism quickly followed a fire of disastrous proportions and terribly fatal effect today. The Salvation Army Home, sheltering many people, a number of whom are practically helpless, burned almost to the ground and eight were burned to death and 20 others badly injured.

Examination made immediately after the fire disclosed evidences that the fire may have been started with malicious intent.

## Charge Government Witness Is Victim of Conspiracy

[Associated Press Cable]  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 16.—David Powers, the government's star witness in the case against the Western Fuel Company, charging fraud and conspiracy, was arrested today on a charge of seduction. It is alleged that he seduced a girl of this city after promising to marry her. Attorneys who are on the government side of the Western Fuel case say that the charges against Powers are part of a fresh conspiracy to discredit the witnesses who are prepared to testify against the fuel company. A special session of the grand jury has been called to consider the charges and the girl and her father have been subpoenaed.

## Republicans Plan New Basis For Apportioning Delegates

[Associated Press Cable]  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—The Republican national committee, at its meeting here today, discussed plans for the rehabilitation of the party and particularly plans for securing a more equitable basis for apportioning delegates among the states. As a result of today's deliberations, the national committee members present have decided that the committee itself will determine the new basis of representation and submit it to the party members throughout the states for ratification.

## Korea Cannot Call Here on Trip

SHANGHAI, China, Dec. 16.—It has been definitely determined that the Pacific Mail liner Korea, which suffered an engine-room accident, will not be able to stop at Honolulu on her voyage to San Francisco. A high-pressure valve casing was cracked while the liner was on her way up the coast, disabling the port engine and causing the Korea to return here for temporary repairs. Six days will be taken for repair work and on account of the delay the Korea will not stop at Honolulu on her eastbound trip.

## London Real Estate Deal Huge

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 16.—The Duke of Bedford has sold 19 acres of city land near Covent Gardens. The deal is the largest real estate deal made in London in many years and by far the largest private sale ever recorded. The price is withheld but the land is immensely valuable and it is known that it has brought many million pounds sterling. Sir Harry Mallaby Deely is the purchaser.

## Crop Report Shows Gains

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—The annual crop report has just been made public, showing a value of \$134,000,000 for this year, a gain of \$5,000,000 and much added acreage. Cotton and corn set new records.

## Suffragettes Still At It

LIVERPOOL, Eng., Dec. 16.—Militant suffragettes today smashed a stained glass window, destroyed the choir stalls and damaged the valuable organ of Stanness. The loss is considerable.

## AD CLUB MEMBERS EAGER FOR BIG MID-PACIFIC STOCK-SELLING DAY

**Chairman A. L. C. Atkinson  
Has Plans Outlined to Raise  
Funds Quickly**

"All in favor of putting steam into the proposition of aiding the Mid-Pacific Carnival, Limited, by selling stock in the proposed corporation, say aye!" was the question put by President W. R. Farrington to the members of the Honolulu Ad Club at their luncheon this noon. The answer came in a roaring, enthusiastic affirmative, and the success of the undertaking was assured. The entire organization—389 members now—will boost the work along to the limit.

A. L. C. Atkinson, chairman of the club's committee in charge of the stock-selling campaign, was called upon to outline the work which his committee has in mind. The entire campaign, he pointed out, will be divided into three parts; namely, preparation, campaign proper and the follow-up. The first will consist of the cultivation of sentiment through advertising and press publicity; the work of an executive committee composed of the Ad Club committee, and a member of the Merchants' Association and Chamber of Commerce, which committee will have full authority; the preparations of lists of prospective contributors; the selection of three sub-committees, publicity, gathering of data and organization of solicitors; the choosing of a central headquarters, the employment of a secretary on full time, a time set in which subscriptions must be secured and, lastly, thorough preparations before starting the subscription.

with members of the carnival officials and officers and committees of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' Association, including members of the Japanese and Chinese organizations. There will be a daily luncheon at which the committees will make reports. There will be an indicator outside the main headquarters showing the amount subscribed each hour, with some method of public notification. The soliciting will be done by teams of no less than four members, with definite firms and corporations assigned. The follow-up campaign will consist of letters of thanks to the different subscribers, together with certificates of stock.

Harry Strange, chairman of the committee on organization, reported that 16 teams will be called in to do the actual selling work. Twelve of these teams will be composed of members of the Ad Club, while there will be a Japanese team, a Chinese team and two ladies' teams. Mr. Strange named the following to head the Ad Club teams: Wallace R. Farrington, Ed. Towse, George Steia, A. W. Van Valkenburg, E. O. White, Charles R. Frazier, G. B. Curtis, S. S. Paxson, J. F. Child, A. L. C. Atkinson, George R. Carter, A. T. M. Church, A. K. Ozawa will be leader of the Japanese team and Chuck Hoy leader of the Chinese team. The leaders of the ladies' teams are yet to be appointed. The members of the committee of which Mr. Strange is chairman met at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and selected the foregoing leaders. A secretary for the committee in charge went to work this morning and is getting out 300 letters which will be sent to the different business firms of the city requesting them to forward to the committee a list of the names of their employees.

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